

THOMAS BERRY.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 774.]

JANUARY 24, 1857.

Mr. PIKE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Berry, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report :

That from the proof in the case, it appears that the petitioner enlisted in December, 1812, into the military service of the United States, under Captain Robert Snell, that he served in said company until the last of March, 1813, when he marched to Burlington, Vermont, and joined the volunteer regiment of infantry commanded by Colonel Denny McCobb, and was there transferred to Captain Joshua Danforth's company.

Dr. James Bates, in his deposition put into the case, says: "That in the campaign of 1813, I was acting surgeon's mate in the regiment of volunteer infantry commanded by Colonel Denny McCobb; that I was then well acquainted with Thomas Berry, a private in Captain Joshua Danforth's company; that at Burlington, Vermont, he was attacked with the measles in the month of May of that year, that owing to exposure, the disease so affected his lungs that he remained sick six weeks; that by this sickness his constitution received great injury."

Dr. Bates and Dr. Turner, the petitioner's family physician, both agree in their statements that the petitioner, as late as 1854, was affected with a disease of the right lung, which they both state in their opinion was caused by said sickness. Other testimony proves, to the full satisfaction of your committee, that the petitioner, prior to said sickness, was an able bodied, healthy man, and that in consequence of said sickness he has never since been well, and never can recover so as to be a well man hereafter.

Dr. Bates says further, that the petitioner, although only sixty-two years old, (1854) is one-half disabled from doing the labor of a healthy man of that age.

A large amount of other testimony corroborates this statement. We believe this a meritorious case, and recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

